

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana.

PUBLIC HEARING * * *

Mayor Bridges declared the meeting open for a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the Planned Unit Development District. Bill Todd, from the Area Plan Commission was present to answer any questions. Todd explained that this ordinance will bring us in compliance with the State. After lengthy discussion among the Council members and Todd, Sheehan made a motion to table the matter until the Mayor has a chance to meet with the Utilities to discuss the matter. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no comments from the audience. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges then called the Council meeting to order at 6:25 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the April 6, 2004, were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORTS * * *

- Everyone should have received an invitation to the Rush/Shelby meeting on fiber optics. Received clarification on the date and time of the Shelby County meeting. The date of the Shelby County meeting is May 11th. The meeting on the 28th will be an information meeting on fiber optic cable in Rush County. The meeting in Shelbyville will be a tour to see how operational fiber works. If anyone is planning to go, reservations need to be made for a head count for lunch.
- Bridges sent a letter to the County Commissioners requesting them to consider expanding an area, one-mile in radius, for a moratorium on the construction of billboards.
- Last Saturday Bridges attended the annual NAACP Freedom Dinner in Connersville. The speaker was Anthony Calhoun, sportscaster for Channel 8.

- Received a request from the United Fund to barricade the City parking lot across from Pizza King on July 2nd, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for a concert. Sheehan moved to approve barricading the parking lot for the concert. Pavey seconded the motion. Councilman Byrne said he thought we should make sure they had insurance in place for the event. Sheehan amended his motion to include pending approval of all liability. Pavey also amended his second to the motion. Motion carried.
- Reminded Council that this Thursday the USDA Rural Development will be bringing the check to Rushville for the funding of the south side sewer and water project. The ceremony will be held at Rushville Immediate Care, 807 South State Road 3.
- Asked Council when they would like to have the next Council meeting since the first Tuesday falls on election day. It was the consensus of Council that the next meeting date be Wednesday, May 5th.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Assistant Chief Williams invited everyone to listen to Brien Carella on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. He will be speaking on narconon.

Street – Bennett said the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Chris Bolyard.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Parking Ordinance (Trucks) – Council had been given 3 sample ordinances to review. Bridges said we need to make sure to provide an alternate place for them to park. Sheehan made a motion to use the ordinance from Greensburg with the time limit from Greenfield and asked the Mayor to look for an alternate parking area. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Byrne questioned the use of residential handicapped signs. The Clerk-Treasurer had just received information from another City that has an annual fee. Council

thought this would be a good idea, and could also show proof of the handicap in order to have the sign renewed each year.

Wilson Estates – Newhouse has received an order from the Court that the property is abandoned and will now become the property of the City. Newhouse will record the Deed. Dale Patterson asked who would be responsible for mowing the lots. Bridges said the City will be responsible until the lots are sold. Bridges asked when it became the City's property could the ban on building be released? Patterson stated he would be the first to protest until the water problem was taken care of. Bridges said we need to be able to sell the lots in order to make improvements. Sheehan moved to table the matter and have Pavey, Bennett, and Byrne look for a solution for the drainage problem. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Rainy Day Fund – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-9 to establish a rainy day fund. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amend Tax Abatement/Rushville Realty – Duane Reindl was present to request the amended tax abatement. Pavey moved to approve the amended tax abatement contingent on the start date being no later than 6 months. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Letter of Condition Sewer & Water Project – Byrne made a motion to accept the letter of condition from the USDA Rural Development regarding the sewer and water project. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded. Motion carried.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER